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**VIA FACSIMILE AND MAIL**Daryl Trotter, Project Coordinator  
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Moab District  
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Moab, UT 84532Re: Price Coalbed Methane  
Final EIS and ROD

Dear Mr. Trotter:

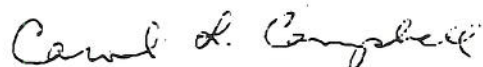
EPA has completed review of the Final EIS and Record of Decision (ROD) for the Price Coalbed Methane Project. Our previous comments contained in a letter submitted on December 30, 1996 have been addressed in a satisfactory manner. We appreciate the effort by you, Woodward-Clyde, Bill Wagner, and others in preparing the revisions to the DEIS. The supplemental Air Quality Technical Support Document was very beneficial in addressing EPA's air quality concerns on this project.

We would like to emphasize the response to EPA comment number FA-1.14 regarding the need for cumulative effects analysis of coalbed methane development in the Price area. EPA understands that the plan to comprehensively address this concern has been defined during the scoping process for the Ferron EIS. This process is broadly considering potential cumulative effects from coalbed methane development in the Price area. A modeling protocol for air quality concerns was distributed for review at a meeting in Salt Lake City on April 9. EPA submitted written comments on that protocol. An additional meeting was held in Salt Lake City by BLM and UDOGM on June 19 to further define water resource issues. EPA plans to work closely with the BLM as it develops the environmental impact analysis for the Ferron project and expects that the remaining concerns about the cumulative effects from coalbed methane development and other reasonably foreseeable future projects will be addressed during this next project.



If you have any questions, please call me at (303) 312-6340, or Mike Strieby, at (303) 312-6002.

Sincerely,



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The following is the summary paragraph for the FEIS for Price Coalbed Methane Project issued by the BLM.

EPA has reviewed the Final EIS for the Price Coalbed Methane Project issued by the Bureau of Land Management, Moab District and has no further comment.

Mike Stieby

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